

1 SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Senate of the State of
3 Illinois were saddened to learn of the death of Lallie
4 Stoddard; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Stoddard was born to Isaac Brown and Roxy
6 Holman-Brown on October 2, 1911 in Columbus, Mississippi; she
7 was the ninth of twelve children; and

8 WHEREAS, Mrs. Stoddard was a member of the Prairie Grove
9 Baptist Church, in Columbus, Mississippi, under the
10 leadership of Rev. Cornelius Williams, where she gave her
11 life to Christ at an early age; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Stoddard was united in marriage to Willie
13 Walker, Sr. and born to that union were 4 children; a set of
14 twins, Mary and Martha, Anna, and Willie Jr.; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Stoddard moved to Maywood, Illinois in 1936
16 where she joined Second Baptist Church under the Pastorate of
17 the late Rev. Robert A. Hayden, Sr.; following his death, she
18 was under the leadership of Pastor Wallace W. Sykes; she
19 served faithfully and remained totally committed to her
20 Church until she became too weak to serve any longer; she was
21 affectionately known as "GRANNY" by all; and

22 WHEREAS, Mrs. Stoddard met Joshua Stoddard, known to his
23 family as "SON" and the two became one, uniting in holy
24 matrimony in May, 1949; and to this union, she openly and
25 lovingly accepted two stepsons into her life, Ernest and
26 James (Sonya); and

27 WHEREAS, Mrs. Stoddard worked for Richardson Company for
28 a number of years; she was a faithful employee for the U.S.
29 Postal Service until she retired; and

30 WHEREAS, Mrs. Stoddard was very committed to her many

1 ministries at Second Baptist; she proudly and faithfully
2 served in many areas of the Church which included The Senior
3 Gospel Choir, Sick and Shut In Ministry, and she took great
4 pride in The Youth Ministry; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Stoddard's passing will be deeply felt by
6 all; she leaves to cherish her memory her son, Willie Walker,
7 Jr. (Adele); her sister, Ida Haywood; her
8 stepdaughter-in-law, Sonya Stoddard; her grandchildren,
9 Janice, Senita (Cecil), Barbara, Gary (Gail), Cynthia
10 (Richard), James Reed, Pamela, and Van Eric; her ten
11 great-grandchildren; her sixteen great-great-grandchildren;
12 her favorite niece, Althea Harris (Arniclus); her favorite
13 nephew, Joe C. Haywood (Shawna); and a host of other
14 relatives and friends; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Stoddard was preceded in death by her
16 children, Mary, Martha and Anna; her stepsons, Ernest and
17 James; her grandson, DeWayne; and ten of her siblings;
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-THIRD GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn the death of
21 Lallie Stoddard and extend our sincere condolences to her
22 family, friends, and church community; and be it further

23 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
24 presented to the family of Lallie Stoddard as an expression
25 of our sympathy.